

MADREPORA ASTROITES.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Animal Medusa.

Corallium cavitatibus lamelloso-stellatis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1272.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

MADREPORA SUBGLOBOSA, stellis distinctis innumeris undique aspersa.

MADREPORA COMPOSITA, stellis confertissimis immersis disco concavo-cylindrico.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1276.

MADREPORA RADIANA.

Pall. et. zooph. p. 322. n. 190.

ASTROITES GLOBOSUS, &c.

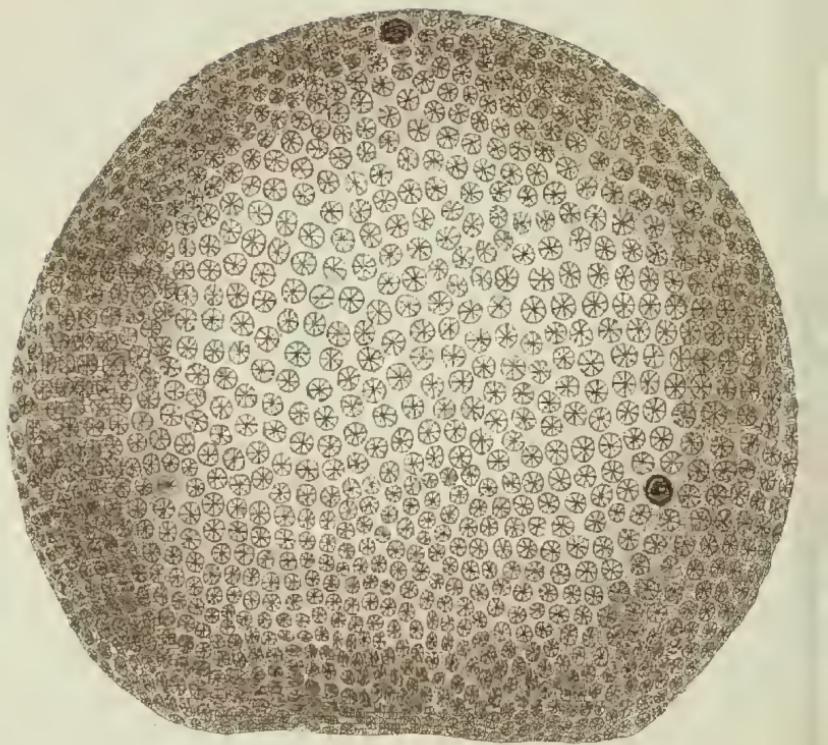
Seb. mus. 3. p. 208. n. 9. tab. 112.

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Cum Madreporam hanc plene describat character specificus, plura forsan supervacaneum sit dicere, nisi de magnitudine, qua Madreporæ illi quam vocant *Cerebrum* æqualis est. Eadem quoque maria

F inhabitat,

inhabitat, nec raro foramine rotundato vel pluribus
notatur, quæ interdum ob ipsa natura excavata vi-
dentur, circaque quæ animalia quæ corallium ædi-
ficare creduntur opus suum incoharunt, alias simili-
ora sunt cavis labore terebellarum quarundem effictis.



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THE
STARRY GLOBE-MADREPORE.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Animal resembling a Medusa.

Coral marked with lamellar striated cavities.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

NEARLY GLOBOSE MADREPORE, marked with innumerable star-shaped cavities.

This Madrepore is so fully described in its specific character as to require little to be added except the size of the coral, which equals that of the Brain-Madrepore. It is a native also of the same seas; and like that species, is not unfrequently marked by one or more round perforations, which sometimes bear the resemblance of natural excavations round which the animal fabricators of the coral have begun their operations, and at other times have more the appearance of the perforations of some species of Terebellæ.